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The Coming Election

Unless something is done in the next few days to block it, Kauai stands to have a disorganized and incompetent mob in the next Legisla-

We have sounded a warning on this score before but no heed has

been given to it.

Neither the Republican nor Democratic parties (if there be a Democratic organization on Kauai) are forward with names of men capable of assuming the duties of the legislator, with one exception; while several mentioned as possibilities will, we are convinced, if elected, do the island more harm than good.

Kauai has had capable men in the legislature in years past. They have been men who understood each other and could work together, and to this splendid team work was due their success. At the last session this state of things was broken into somewhat and the island narrowly escaped serious injury. We are now face to face with a greater danger—the prospect of having almost our entire delegation made up of incompetent men.

It is right now time to do something. Don't wait until after the election and then complain that "they" did thus and so. If the thing goes wrong and you get freak representation in the legislature, it will be YOUR fault.

Let us again urge concerted action to the end that responsible, capable citizens be persuaded to enter the race for the legislature.

That Wail From Wailuku

The criticism by the Wailuku Times of the Kauai Chamber of Commerce, given additional publicity in Honolulu, was neither dignified nor justified by the facts. In that criticism Maui's journalistic suckling gave it as its opinion that the local Chamber of Commerce was not justified in taking up the Brown case at all, and, if so, the committee report adopted by it bearing upon the case was improper.

We have refrained from saying a great deal about the Brown case for the reason that far too much personal feeling had been aroused on Kauai and other islands on account of it, and newspaper comment near the center of the disturbance could have the effect only of adding oil to what has been a regretable fire. We must at this time take issue, however, with the proposal that the Kauai Chamber of Commerce should not have taken cognizance of the matter. It is its duty, under its constitution, to consider and take such action as may seem proper on any and all matters affecting the well-being of Kauai, and as the Brown case had become a public question the Chamber quite properly took cognizance of it.

The Kauai Chamber of Commerce will be three years of age next week and in that time has grown to be next to the largest commercial organization in the Territory. It has handled numerous public questions, not a few being of importance to the entire group, and has done so with dignity, and creditably. Mistakes have been made, but such have been far outweighed by the good that has been accomplished.

And it is rather late in the day for the criticism of shrimps to alter the situation

the situation.

Sir Roger Casement

Sir Roger Casement, recognized leader of the recent Irish revolt, who was executed in London last Thursday for fomenting the Dublin riot, was a man who never occupied a position of particular note and yet who managed to create unusual smoke wherever placed in the government service. While a consul in Peru he was almost constantly in the public eye on account of the conspicuous part he was wont to play in public matters. In the Congo Free State, however, where he was consul at Boma, he created an international stir by a report made in 1904 of conclitions as he found them during a tour of the country made the previous year. By England he seemed to be regarded as a smart man but eccentric. By Ireland he was regarded as one of her most loyal sons. The world had really known little about him, except as he has appeared in humble consular capacities, but apparently the most conspicuous figure of storm centers, in various parts of the world.

The execution of Casement was undoubtedly the result of a grim determination, born of the war spirit, to exterminate anything savoring of rebellion in Ireland. Had the outbreak occurred in time of world peace, Casement might have met a different fate. It was unfortunate for him and his cause, however, that the rebellion came at a period when England had large armies mobilized and ready for quick action. He was bound to lose with arms, and called down upon his head the condemnation of a very large British element which might have sympathized with his cause at any other time.

The idea of a dioroma of Waimea Canyon to be exhibited in the Pan-Pacific's headquarters at Honolulu and to be used in the Carnival in February occurs to us as a good one. We understand that this exhibit can be gotten up for about \$500, the Pan-Pacific people to supply the artist to do the work. If that be so, it should be undertaken. Waimea Canyon is one of our leading, scenic attractions, and is a tourist eard of unusual importance. We are to be given a chance to play it, and should do so. This is something that might well be taken up by the Chamber of Commerce and put through.

THE CAR ACCIDENT on the Wahiawa hill, reported elsewhere in this issue, again suggests the desirability of placing financially irresponsible chaffeurs under bonds. In this case the driver in the wrong is, we are given to understand, unable to indemnify the parties for the loss sustained as a result of his carelessness, so they will simply have to whistle and appear in good humor. The thing is wrong. Drivers of public cars on the roads should be either financially able to take care of any damages they may inflict on others, as a result of incompetence or carelessness, or they should be required to give bonds against such damages.

THE KAISER states that the desire for peace is in every heart, but adds that it will come through victory of the Teutonic arms. And the reason we do not have peace is that the Allies feel the same way about it but declare that it must come through the success of their cause. In other words, all want peace but the other side must back down. That brings the war back to substantially the point at which it started.

Senator Shafrour has delivered to the President the resignation of Judge Stuart, of the First Circuit Court, and we are hopeful that the same will be accepted instanter. This party was a typical carpet-bagger, as the term is understood in the States, and the less experience we have with the species in these Islands the better we will like it.

The news that a polo team has been formed on Kauai and that it will likely be heard from in the coming inter-island tournament is good news. This island had a polo record once and is in position to make a better showing now. The mounts and men are here. All required is a little enthusiasm.

Hendenson, bookkeeper for the von Hamm-Young Company, embezzled \$1,000 and is sentenced to a year in Oahu prison. A short time ago in the same city another bookkeeper embezzled practically twenty-five times as much and got off with a small fine. Strange world we are living in, isn't it?

We are having quantities of baseball under the arrangement adopted for this year even if it lacks in quality.

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